

# Maryland SHIP "Health Action" Newsletter

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## Have You Met With Your Local Planners Yet About the Potential for Health/Planning Partnerships to Improve Your Community's Health?



Bethesda, MD - walkable community

Local land use planners are working to direct community development resources to make communities more walkable, to increase access to healthy food, and to make neighborhoods more safe. Planners also want to increase access to recreation and places

where people can be physically active. If you want to invite local planners to present their community development plans to a coalition meeting or just want to find out more about what is going on in a particular jurisdiction, click [here](#).

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) to increase access to healthy food.

## Calling Future Tobacco Leaders of America



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE APPLICATION

Legacy is currently looking for teams of youth and adult partners to participate in the [2013 Legacy Youth Leadership Institute](#) in Washington, D.C. The goal of YLI is to strengthen the efforts of community-based youth groups working on tobacco prevention and control issues. Participants will receive three full days of leadership training, network with young leaders from across the country and gain access to on-going technical support for their local tobacco control efforts for twelve months. In order to make this experience accessible to groups with limited resources, Legacy will cover the cost of travel, lodging and most meals for all participants of the Youth Leadership Institute.

Applications are accepted from teams of one adult and up to two youth who are actively working on tobacco prevention efforts in their local communities. Youth must be between the ages of 13-18 on or before July 1, 2013 and currently enrolled in school or a GED program to apply. Adults must be 21 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2013 and be a volunteer or paid staff member of the organization. To access the application, click [here](#).

Contact [yap@legacyforhealth.org](mailto:yap@legacyforhealth.org) or 202-454-5586 with questions or for more information.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) to reduce the percentage of youths who use any type of tobacco products.

**2013 Asthma-Friendly Schools Initiative Champion Awards**

The American Lung Association (ALA) has launched the Asthma-Friendly Schools Initiative (AFSI) Champion Awards. The AFSI Champion Awards recognize schools that have taken positive strides to create a healthier learning environment and reducing the number of lost school days for over 7 million children with asthma.



The application deadline for the 2013 AFSI Champion Awards is June 15, 2013. To learn more, join the ALA for a webinar on Tuesday, April 30 from 3-4pm EST that will:

- provide an introduction to the program,
- outline of the application process, and
- highlight the Awards criteria.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

Click [here](#) for additional information about the 2013 AFSI Champion Awards and to access the application.

View the [SHIP measure](#) and [tools](#) to reduce hospital emergency department visits due to asthma.

## Free Library Puts Resources About Minority Health Within Arm's Reach

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Minority Health's Knowledge Center Library focuses its collection on consumer health and many other health equity issues, and builds on this year's theme of [Advance Health Equity Now: Uniting Our Communities to Bring Health Care Coverage to All](#).



The library offers both a historical and present day picture of the health status of minority populations and holds a collection of 10,000 reports, books, journals and media, and over 35,000 articles, which makes it the largest repository of minority health information in the nation. Equal access to health care has long been a factor in health equity and by searching the Knowledge Center library catalog, you will find many reports, books and fact sheets which explain disparities in access to health insurance and health care. With 35 languages represented in their collection, the library is open to the public for research about a variety of diseases and health topics and you can search the database right from your desktop.

Click [here](#) to browse their online catalog and conduct a search. For questions or search assistance, please send an e-mail to KnowledgeCenter@minorityhealth.hhs.gov.

## News from the Office of Primary Care

### FCC Rural Health Care Connect Fund Webinar to be Hosted in Maryland

The State Office of Rural Health (SORH), Rural Maryland Council (RMC), and Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) are jointly hosting a webinar on May 21 from 2:00-3:00 pm on the upcoming Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rural Health Care Connect Fund presented by Mark Walker of Wireline Competition Bureau of the FCC. The Fund will provide \$400 M annually with a goal to increase access to broadband for health care provider. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar. For further information, click[here](#) to email Taleah Parker.

### USDA Rural Development Celebrates Earth Day by Promoting Water Quality Projects in 32 States

In efforts to strengthen the country's rural economy, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced support for 43 projects that will improve water and wastewater services for rural Americans. The USDA will provide more than \$145.2 million to improve water quality and provide a safe and healthy environment for rural Americans in 32 states. Click [here](#) for more information.

### National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services Webinar

The National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services will host a webinar on April 26, 2013 at 2 PM discussing recent Policy Briefs on rural health system infrastructure and proposals for reform. Members of the Committee will present their findings on the webinar. Click [here](#) to register.

### Upcoming Events

April 28-May 3, 2013  
2013 Annual Membership Meeting  
American Hospital Association  
Washington, DC  
Click [here](#) to register.

May 7-10, 2013  
36th Annual Rural Health Conference  
National Rural Health Association  
Louisville, KY  
Click [here](#) to register.

